

reimburse the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line Railways for all the undercharges resulting from the system of rebating.

It will be remembered that in his letter to the general freight agents of the two connecting lines, Mr. Gilbert offered to pay the amounts due in the shipments referred to in the nine counts of the indictment, but as the system is alleged to have been in operation many years prior to that time, the question has arisen as to who will bear the brunt of losses accruing therefrom.

PRaises Negroes

Colonel Scott's Report on Colored Cavalry at West Point.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 4.—Whatever may be the attitude of other communities toward the negro troops in the United States army, West Point has only words of praise and appreciation for the colored cavalry detachment stationed at the United States Military Academy. Colonel H. L. Scott, superintendent of the academy, voices this attitude in his annual report to the Secretary of War, made public to-day.

"The cavalry detachment (colored) has continued to show the highest character and has demonstrated still further the advantages of colored over white men for this duty," says Colonel Scott. "There is a waiting list now, and only experienced men having former service and very good, excellent records are accepted."

In referring to the discipline at the academy, Colonel Scott says:

"The discipline of the corps was generally satisfactory during the year until July 1st, when conditions were changed and a great deal of discipline had to be put down with a strong hand."

"The situation culminated in the dismissal of two first-class men and the suspension for one year of a third-class man, which the separation of these cadets from the academy atmosphere has cleared, and the usual high standard of discipline has prevailed."

There are 116 vacancies in the corps of cadets, Colonel Scott regrets that no plan has been perfected to remedy this, and recommends that twenty-two extra cadetships be authorized to offset the normal shortage. He says it is a source of regret to the academy authorities that the entrance requirements have been kept so low.

Colonel Scott recommends the purchase of Ladyville Academy, Highland Falls, and its grounds for a hotel.

MYSTERY IS CLEARED

Sister Easterns Murder Case on Her Brother, Now in Europe.

NEW YORK, December 4.—Coroner Kennedy, of Brooklyn, last night issued warrants for the arrest, on a charge of murder, of Michael Joseph Accusio Alba. This action, according to Lieutenant Detective Vachris, head of the Brooklyn Italian squad, partially clears up the mystery surrounding the burned body of a woman which was found in a vacant lot at Calver and Humboldt streets, Greenpoint, in July. The only clue to the identity of the woman was a note pinned to her breast on which were written the initials "M. A." and a scapular. The body was burned beyond recognition, and although a score of detectives were working upon the case it was a mystery until last night. It developed that the dead woman was Mrs. Accusio De Matteo Alba, wife of a well-known Italian, fourth street and Avenue O, Flatbush. Her sister was the wife of Alba's brother, Felice Accusio Alba, and the four lived together at the Flatbush address.

When the burned body was found it was believed that it was the body of a woman, and it was decided to try to identify the remains. Greenpoint was thoroughly searched for a missing woman, and it was decided that the body was brought to the vacant lot from the home of the woman, and that the initials "M. A." were the initials of the woman's sister, Mrs. Accusio De Matteo Alba, a sister of the missing woman, who had been living in Italy and sent the garments to America.

PRIZE COURT CONFERENCE

Powers Meet in London in Conformity with Hague Recommendation.

LONDON, December 4.—The conference of the powers called by Great Britain for the framing of a code of laws for the welfare and for the formation of the prize court, recommended by The Hague conference, was opened at the foreign office to-day.

The British government the powers which accepted invitations to the conference, gave forward a list of subjects which they consider should be discussed. The United States is represented by the Hon. Mr. Charles S. Stockton and Professor Grafton Wilson, of Brown University.

Commander John H. Gibbons, naval attaché at the London embassy, will act as aid.

At the suggestion of Germany the powers have submitted their views on various points. The United States, Great Britain and Japan are in principle at least on the most important proposals, and they may be expected to work out a compromise between the powers and the other six countries represented.

The conference will be held in London in support of the rights of a belligerent to search neutral merchantmen proceeding to an enemy's port under the escort of a warship during the same flag.

Great Britain is desirous of abolishing the contraband entirely, and Japan does not so far, but they would agree only munitions of war should be declared contraband.

The continental powers will urge the continuation of the present system, under which the belligerents declare what is contraband, and America and Japan contend for the right to search blockade runners at any time or place.

The conference will differ on responsibility of a neutral power for carrying into a man-of-war, as in the case of the Alabama. The United States neutral power is responsible very strongly. The right of belligerent ships to search in neutral ports also has divided the conference into two sections. America, Great Britain, Japan and France, contend that a ship should make but one voyage, and that it should be given only one opportunity to be searched, and that the other powers, however, hold that a ship should be allowed to visit a neutral port, and fill up with coal as often as she can.

Whittemore—White.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 4.—F. L. Whittemore, formerly of this city, and brother of Mrs. Anna P. Green and Mrs. Maria O. Halsey, of Fredericksburg, was married yesterday to Mrs. Ella Virginia White, of New York, at the bride's home in that city. They reside in New York.

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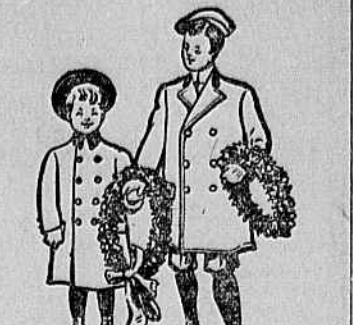
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SAD TRAGEDIES OF A GREAT CITY

ARMY DESERTIONS ARE DIMINISHING

WASHINGTON, December 4.—The campaign of the War Department against desertions from the army is meeting with success, according to Adjutant-General F. C. Ainsworth, U. S. A., who stated in his annual report to the Secretary of War, made public to-day, that the relative number of desertions was less in 1908 than in any other fiscal year since 1901.



Every branch of the service showed a decrease in the number of desertions during the year, with the single exception of the hospital corps, where there was a slight increase. The report says that the Fourteenth Cavalry had the largest relative number of desertions of any organization in the service, while the Third Infantry came second, and the Fifth Cavalry third. In 1907 the percentage was 5.6 per cent, and in 1908 it reached the record of 7.4 per cent.

A new lot of very attractive O'coats for boys are just in, at only \$3.50!

Girls' Reefers. The beautiful styles and shades are irresistible. See them. \$6 to \$12.50.

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SPLIT IS CAUSED BY MURDER CASE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALPH, N. C., December 4.—A remarkable state of rivalry and opposition exists between the county coroner and his co-workers and the city police in the investigation of the murder of a woman in Raleigh, N. C., here three weeks ago, and the efforts to bring to justice those guilty of participation in this crime. These two local departments have each four prisoners being held for investigation on suspicion, and co-operation cannot be secured. The coroner has ordered an examination of witnesses before his jury for next Monday, and in the meantime Police Judge Badger ordered a hearing for his prisoners to be held on Monday. It looks now like neither side will surrender any of the suspects for examination by the other side. Neither side will divulge evidence of any consequence before the respective hearings.

Mrs. Graves Entertains.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, Va., December 4.—Mrs. Stanley Hope Graves entertained at a most attractive tea yesterday afternoon at her home, in Mowbray Arch. Mrs. John Schell and Miss Frances Culpeper assisted Mrs. Graves in receiving her guests. Mrs. Samuel Lathum presided at the punch bowl, and those who assisted in serving were: Mrs. Charles Wood, Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. George W. Smith, Mrs. A. Brooke Taylor, Mrs. William Thompson, Mrs. A. B. Carney, Mrs. Moran Barry, Mrs. George Fawcette and Mrs. Ross Nicholson. The guests were: Mrs. W. C. Simmons, Mr. Minor, Margaret Gill, of Petersburg; Emma Williams, Margaret Duncan and Bessie Ridley, of Portsmouth.

VanDoren—Howard.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., December 4.—Mr. Matthew Maury VanDoren and Miss Daisy Mica Howard were married at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride's mother, the Rev. Harry B. Lee, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, this city, officiating. The bride was given away by her uncle, Dr. George W. Stark. Mr. Rob Roy Howard was best man. At the request of the groom's family, the bride wore a handsome pearl and diamond brooch, which was presented to the groom's grandfather, Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury, by the Czar of Russia, and a diamond pin, presented to the same gentleman by the Emperor of Mexico. After luncheon, Mr. and Mrs. VanDoren left on an extended Northern trip.

Remarkable Christmas Present.

Among the curious Christmas presents of the year will be one for a man of national reputation, which has been all year in the making.

Way last January the present was decided upon, and a friend of the prominent gentleman requested the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, of New York, to watch every paper in America and to take up every item which appeared concerning the man.

The clipping bureau people followed instructions, and now present the history of one year in the life of this especial man.

The history ends just after election, and the 20,642 newspaper items found include everything from a three-line editorial mention to full-page illustrations. These clippings have been mounted on 3,200 great sheets of Irish linen paper and bound into three massive volumes.

At the head of each item is the name and date of paper clipped from, this information having been put in with a book typewriter. The words thus inserted amount to 153,852.

In actual time, a very strict record of which has been kept, the work has required sixty-four working days throughout the year, and has kept employment during that time thirty people, as readers, clippers, sorters, mounters and binders. Every newspaper of importance is represented.

This is merely a specimen of some of the unique orders which go into the Burrelle Bureau, for the extent to which clippings are used by individuals and by business concerns seems to be remarkable.

There are many people in private as well as in public life who need press clippings and don't know it. It might be well for them to look up this man Burrelle, who is said to be as well known that a letter simply addressed "Burrelle, New York," will reach him with no delay.

BOY CONFESSES TO THE KILLING

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ASHESVILLE, N. C., December 4.—Herbert Parrish, who was reported to have accidentally shot himself while out hunting last Saturday with several companions, was killed by the discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Frank Coleman, aged fifteen, one of his companions, who shortly after the death of Parrish declared to the sheriff and coroner, as did two other boys, that Parrish had accidentally shot himself.

Coleman yesterday confessed to his mother that he had fired the fatal shot which killed Parrish, but claimed that it was an accident. This fact becoming known, Coleman was at once placed under arrest and held pending the coroner's inquest, which was held today at the residence of Coleman, Esq. Coleman and James Myers, the other two boys who were present at the time, that Parrish had fired at a bird, and then stepped in front of Coleman from behind just as the latter raised his gun to fire. Then it is alleged, as Coleman quickly lowered his gun, it was accidentally discharged, the load of shot striking Parrish in the neck just behind the right ear, tearing away the jaw and most of the teeth. The boys stated that, seeing the ghastly wound as Parrish fell dead on the railway tracks, they all fled, but later, on the suggestion of one of their number, they returned to the scene and removed the body from the tracks, lest it be mangled by a train. After hearing the evidence, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

BOARD ADJOURNS.

Among Other Important Things, Pure Food Department Is Created.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 4.—Final adjournment of the annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was taken to-day after the semi-annual report of the board, which was adopted and other important business transacted. The board created the department of pure food with W. M. Allen as chemist in charge, taking this work from the department of the regular State Chemist, and declaring the purpose of the board to ask the Legislature to provide for meeting half the expense of the department for the special reason that the large part of the food analysis is directly for the benefit and protection of the people. The position of assistant State veterinarian was abolished, and Commissioner Graham made chairman of a committee to select a successor to Dr. Tait Butler, State veterinarian and director of farmers' institutes. The board appointed legislative and building committees from among the members of the board. The object of the building committee is to procure a \$50,000 State agricultural building.

EAGER FOR ROMANCE.

Bride Wished to Avoid Fuss of Ceremony and Elopes.

PHILADELPHIA, December 4.—Just because nobody opposed her marriage to Clarence E. West, and because she had read romance and wanted to be the heroine of one, Miss Josephine Cuthbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cuthbert, of 116 Sibley Avenue, Ardmore, Pa., eloped and was married in Norristown.

The bride had her troupe made, her maids of honor named and everything in readiness for the wedding when suddenly she reported of her elopement. "Every body prances up the aisle to the wedding march and the smell of orange blossoms and has old shoes and rice thrown after them," she broke away, and so something different.

Her fiancé was keen about fumbling for the ring in the presence of a church full of waiting, eager people, so he fell in with her plan, left his Bryn Mawr home in a hurry yesterday afternoon, joined Mrs. Cuthbert on the train and the two hurried to Norristown, where they were married by the Rev. N. H. Reiner, pastor of the Baptist Church.

The romantic wife wired her family, easily secured their forgiveness and the young pair started for Atlantic City on their honeymoon.

La Grand—Drinkard.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

APPROXIMATELY, Va., December 4.—A pretty marriage was celebrated when Mr. and Mrs. La Grand were married at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Miss Hattie Drinkard. Miss Hattie Drinkard was maid of honor and Mr. Luther La Grand, from Lynchburg, was best man. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. George W. Stark. The guests were: Mrs. W. C. Simmons, Mr. Minor, Margaret Gill, of Petersburg; Emma Williams, Margaret Duncan and Bessie Ridley, of Portsmouth.

Arnold—Mayhew.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINCHESTER, N. H., December 4.—Miss Emma Mayhew, daughter of the late Levi Mayhew, of Winchester, and Professor Irwin Arnold, of Reading, Pa., were married in this city last night by Rev. Dr. H. K. Korn, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The wedding was a pleasant surprise to the friends of the bride.

Latham—Perkins.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SPOTSVILIA, Va., December 4.—Henry J. Latham, late of Ohio, now of Spotsylvania county, and Miss Maria Perkins, of Virginia, were married in North Carolina on Wednesday last by Rev. John K. Lyle, of North Carolina.

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OBITUARY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

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Thomas Pennington.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SUSSEX, Va., December 4.—Mr. Thomas Pennington, about twenty-three years of age, son of the late T. Pennington, died at his place, in Newport News of typhoid fever. His remains were interred in the family burying ground near this place. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lucy A. Pennington; two sisters, Mrs. George L. Murphy and Miss Lyle Pennington; and two brothers, Messrs. R. R. and Henry Pennington.

John Selby.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WILSON, N. C., December 4.—Mr. John Selby, for many years an esteemed citizen of Wilson, who died to-day in Richmond, Va., with pleurisy, aged sixty-six years, where he was connected with the Wilson Manufacturing Company. He is survived by three children—Mrs. R. B. Riden and Mrs. S. J. Walls, of Wilson, and Ben Selby, of Richmond.

Glady's Career.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 4.—Glady's L. Carner, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Carner, died to-day at her home, after a brief illness, of double pneumonia. She is survived by her mother and two sisters.

Thomas F. Carson.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEWSOM, Va., December 4.—Thomas Franklin, son of Rev. E. V. and Annie B. Carson, aged five years and five months, died this morning of diphtheria.

IN MEMORIAM

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

COX.—A tribute of remembrance to our devoted mother, FANNIE B. COX, who died December 5, 1901. "Hush! children rise up and call her blessed."

DEATHS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

HARRISON.—Died, at the residence of his brother, John Prosser Harrison, Newport News, Va., BERTHA ANN TEMPLE, daughter of the late J. Prosser Harrison, M. D., and Judith Willantina Temple, December 4, 1908.

The remains will arrive in Norfolk to-day at 10 o'clock. Interment in Hollywood.

STEVENS.—Died, suddenly, December 4, JAMES L. STEVENSON, son of the late James V. and Mary A. Stevenson, in the fifty-seventh year of his age.

The funeral from the residence of his brother, A. C. Stevenson, 2600 East Broad Street, SUNDAY, December 6th, at 10 A. M. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

HEISLER.—Died December 3, 1908, at his home, 2311 Grove Avenue, Mr. J. A. HEISLER, the fifty-first year of his age. He is survived by his wife, five children—Geo. H. J. A. J. J. Hazel, Beulah and Lillian Heisler, and one sister—Mrs. Mary H. Brooks.

Funeral THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock from the Grace Street Baptist Church. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery.

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